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Docket No.: GP-302389 / GM2-0080

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The invention is subject to the following restriction:

- Species-I: directed to Figures 1-3;
- Species-II: directed to Figure 4;
- Species-III: directed to Figure 5; and
- Species-IV: directed to Figure 6.

Applicant has elected Species-I, directed to Figures 1-3, *with traverse*, and submits that all Claims read on Species-I.

Additionally, however, Applicant respectfully traverses the Election / Restriction requirement for the following reasons.

The Examiner alleges that Figures 1-3, Figure 4, Figure 5 and Figure 6, are each directed to a patentably distinct species. The Examiner acknowledges that Claims 1, 19 and 23, are currently considered to be generic.

Applicant submits that all Claims read on Species-I, and that at least Claims 1, 19 and 23, each read Species-II, III and IV.

In view of Claims 1, 19 and 23 being both independent and generic claims that read on all Species, Applicant respectfully submits that a restriction of the Species identified as the embodiments of Figures 1-3, Figure 4, Figure 5 and Figure 6, for examination purposes is improper.

For at least this reason, this Restriction Requirement is wholeheartedly traversed, and removal of the Requirement, at least with respect to the improper groupings noted above, is respectfully requested.

Consideration and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested. The foregoing is believed to be fully responsive to this office action.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required for this amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time that is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above identified Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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